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Message from Director Colleen Callahan



The fall always marks the busiest time of year for hunters in Illinois.

With archery deer and turkey seasons underway and firearm deer and turkey, waterfowl and upland hunting on the way, now is a good time to remind everyone of the importance of making safety a priority while hunting this fall. Illinois Conservation Police officers are in the field throughout the year,

and they will be out this fall enforcing hunting regulations and working to ensure the safety of hunters.

Last year in Illinois, there were 20 reported hunting-related incidents, two of which resulted in fatalities. Ten of the reported incidents involved injuries resulting from discharge of a hunting device - three involving firearms and the other seven involving archery equipment. Incidents like those serve to remind hunters and all of us how important it is to properly transport and handle firearms, and how crucial it is for hunters to identify a target before firing.

Thirteen of last year's hunting incidents involved elevated tree stands and blinds. While hunting from a tree stand is popular, preventable incidents occur every year while hunters are installing their tree stands, climbing into or out of them, or sitting in them. Hunters who plan to use a tree stand should always inspect the stand thoroughly and follow manufacturers' instructions for installation and use.

IDNR Safety Education staff also remind hunters to use a Fall Arrest System/Full Body Harness (FAS/FBH) when using a tree stand. They can save your life. In 12 of last year's reported hunting incidents, conservation police noted in their reports that no Fall Arrest System was in use. For information on tree stand safety, take the free online course at [https:// www.huntercourse.com/treestandssafety/](https://www.huntercourse.com/treestandssafety/).

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources takes hunter safety very seriously. We offer hunter education courses, available throughout the year, taught by certified safety instructors who volunteer their time providing information and demonstrations on safe, proper hunting practices. Online courses are also available.

For more information on hunter safety in Illinois, contact IDNR Safety Education at 1-800-832-2599 or visit IDNR's safety education page at www.dnr.illinois.gov.

Safe and Happy Hunting!

DNR in the News

Top opener for doves goes to Iroquois, Des Plaines solid and Shabbona Lake

New research crucial for dragonfly and damselfly populations

More flathead catfish than expected in the Calumet system during intensive invasive carp monitoring

Naperville awarded grant to fund tree planting in tornado-damaged areas

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Highlights



Illinois State Museum selects Heather Miller as new director of tribal relations

The [Illinois State Museum \(ISM\)](#) has hired Heather Miller as its director of tribal relations, a new leadership position at the ISM, an Illinois Department of Natural Resources division. As the director of tribal relations, Miller is responsible for building tribal relationships between the ISM and the State of Illinois. Additionally, she will ensure the state abides by the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and other relevant national regulations and state statutes.



Jubilee College State Historic Site reopens for public tours

[Jubilee College State Historic Site](#), one of Illinois' earliest educational institutions, has reopened for tours from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, with the last tour time daily at 4:30 p.m. The site has not offered regular public hours for nearly a decade.



Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame to welcome Doug Aller, Nan Buckardt and Eileen Rice

The [Illinois Conservation Foundation \(ICF\)](#) Board of Directors is announcing the selections of Doug Aller, Nan Buckardt and Eileen Rice for induction into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame. Since 2002, the ICF has recognized Illinoisans for their significant contributions and unparalleled dedication in preserving, promoting, enhancing or supporting natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities with induction into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame.



Drawings for trapping permits at Grafton-area sites to take place Nov. 2

IDNR will host a [public lottery drawing](#) on Wednesday, Nov. 2, for the allocation of trapping permits for Copperhead Hollow Wildlife Area, Mississippi River State Fish and Wildlife Area, and Pere Marquette State Park. The drawing will take place at the Mississippi River Area site office, 17836 State Highway 100 North in Grafton. Registration for the drawing will begin at 11 a.m., and the drawings will be conducted at 11:30 a.m.

Highlights



2022-2023 deer archery hunting season opened Oct. 1

[Deer archery hunting season](#) opened Oct. 1, in Cook, DuPage and Lake counties, and a portion of Kane County east of State Rt. 47: Oct. 1-Jan. 15. In all other counties and that portion of Kane County west of State Rt. 47: Oct. 1-Jan. 15. EXCEPTION: Archery deer hunting is CLOSED during Firearm Seasons Nov. 18-20 and Dec. 1-4.



Deer Firearm and Muzzleloader hunting information

[County-specific Firearm and Muzzleloader permits](#) remaining after the third lottery drawing will be available for sale only over the counter at License Vendors beginning Oct. 18, on a first-come, first-served basis.



Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site fall festival

[Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site fall festival](#) is Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Period clothed interpreters will demonstrate daily tasks throughout the historic village such as candle dipping, soap making, blacksmithing, spinning wool, gardening and natural dyeing.



Public Hunting Areas Report: 2021-2022 Wildlife Harvest

The [Illinois Public Hunting Areas Report](#) is developed each year to provide information on public hunting/trapping efforts and wildlife harvest. This report provides both hunting and trapping information on IDNR owned, leased or managed public hunting sites.





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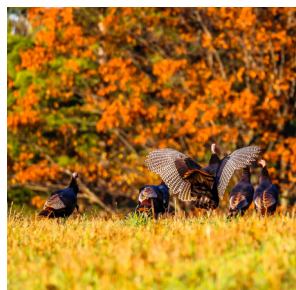
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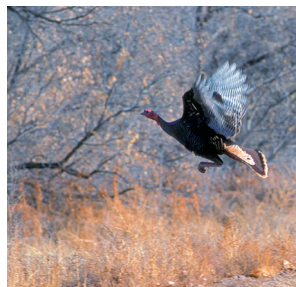
2022-2023 fall turkey archery season opened Oct. 1

The [Fall Turkey Archery Season](#) opened Oct. 1 for Cook, DuPage and Lake counties, and that portion of Kane County east of State Route 47: Oct. 1-Jan. 15. For all other counties and that portion of Kane County west of State Route 47: Oct. 1-Jan. 15. NOTE: Fall Turkey Archery hunting is CLOSED during Deer Firearm Seasons Nov. 18-20 and Dec. 1-4.



2022 fall turkey shotgun season Oct. 22-30

[Permits will be sold](#) until quotas are exhausted, or until the close of the season, Oct. 30. Persons may purchase one or more permits during this period, subject to availability, except that no one may exceed the limit of two permits in total, including Lottery-issued and Landowner permits.



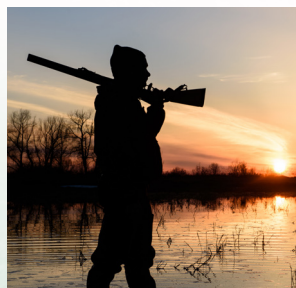
Apply for 2023 spring turkey hunting permit

[Illinois resident hunters](#) may apply for one permit in the first lottery. Applications are being accepted Oct. 4-Dec. 1.



Lake closures

[Check on lake closure](#), LaSalle Cooling Lake closed Oct. 15.



IDNR announces 2022 waterfowl hunting updates

IDNR is reminding [waterfowl hunters](#) of key dates and other information regarding the 2022-2023 waterfowl seasons.

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IDNR and community partners announce **Made for Music Concert Series at the Dana-Thomas House**

IDNR and numerous community partners announced the return of a concert series at the [Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site](#) in Springfield. The concerts, which will pilot this year and follow a full schedule in 2023, aim to enrich the community by showcasing an array inspiring musical performances in world-class architecture.



Old State Capitol in Springfield listed to National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network of Freedom

Illinois' Old State Capitol in Springfield has been accepted to the National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

The site, which is operated by IDNR, is one of 17 new listings from the 43rd round of applications, representing sites and programs in 13 states across the United States. The new listings, alongside more than 700 sites, facilities and programs already in the Network, provide insight into the diverse experiences of freedom seekers who bravely escaped slavery and allies who assisted them.

2022 Director's Hunt - Nov. 28 and 29

The Illinois Conservation Foundation invites you to participate in the [2022 Director's Hunt](#) at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area in Cass County Nov. 28 and 29. Make your reservation today.



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